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June 07, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

41 June 7, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION
WOODBURY ROAD AT FAIR OAKS AVENUE, ET AL.
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF ALTADENA AND CITY TERRACE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the project to modify traffic signals on Woodbury Road at Fair Oaks Avenue, et al., in the unincorporated communities of Altadena and City Terrace; find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; and call for bids.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Woodbury Road at Fair Oaks Avenue, et al., in the unincorporated communities of Altadena and City Terrace at an estimated cost between \$115,000 and \$135,000.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on July 7, 2011, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board, and to adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids for the modification of traffic signals and the performance of other appurtenant work. The limits of the project are as follows: Woodbury Road at Fair Oaks Avenue and Ramona Boulevard at Campus Road.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing improved traffic flow for the traveling public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost is in the range of \$115,000 to \$135,000. This project will be administered under the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program covered by Agreement No. 76078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-Aid Grant funds will be used to finance 90 percent of the qualifying costs. The total project cost is estimated to be \$299,500. This project is included in the First and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for the modification of traffic signals, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) program for transportation systems management. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October 2011 and be completed in December 2011.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (x)(4), (x)(5), and (x)(22), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the modification of existing traffic signal systems and the maintenance of existing roadway facilities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code. The County Local Small Business Enterprise will not be applied to the determination of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. To be eligible for the Federal funds financing the majority of this project, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, requires award to the lowest bidder.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved traffic flow for the travelling public.

CONCLUSION

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

6/7/2011

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Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance